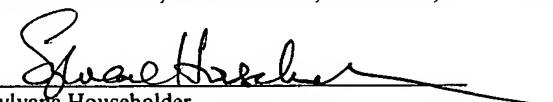


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 3, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

An amended set of claims is presented on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.